

**Moffat County Board of County Commissioners
221 W Victory Way Suite 130 Craig, CO 81625**

September 6, 2016

In attendance, Chuck Grobe, Chairman; Frank Moe, Vice Chair; John Kinkaid, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Neil Folks; Ken Wergin; Jeff Comstock; Don Cook; Ray Beck; Rebecca Tyree; Kirstie McPherson

**Call to Order
Pledge/Opening Prayer
Consent Agenda**

Kinkaid made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a) Approved the minutes from August 30, 2016.
- b) Approved Resolutions 2016-94 and 2016-95 payment of payroll warrants for the month of August 2016 in the amounts of \$ 200,130.36 and \$210,781.37.
- c) Approved Resolution 2016-96 transfer of payment of warrants for the month of August, 2016 in the amount of \$931,849.57.
- d) Approved Resolution 2016-97 Corrections for the month of September 2016 in the amount of .02.
- e) Approved the MOU's between Social Services and Mind Springs Health and Mesa County DHS for adult protective services.
- f) Approved the agreement between the Road Department and CDOT for highway maintenance.
- g) Approved the annual County Audit renewal contract.

Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

KC Hume present.

General Discussion

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Moe discussed the announcement from Tri State Generation that Unit 1 will close by 2025. The City and County have compiled a press statement expressing their commitment to diversify the local economy.
- ✓ Moe gave an update on Social Services workshop, the Local Marketing District meeting, and CNCC's upcoming soccer games.
- ✓ Sheriff Hume gave a report on search and rescue efforts for the two missing children in the Wilderness Ranch area. The children were found and they are safe.
- ✓ Kinkaid expressed his anger with the Wild Earth Guardians and the announcement that Tri State will close Unit 1.

The Commissioners agreed to submit a press release concerning the decision to close Tri State Generations Craig Station Unit 1 and their commitment to adapt to change and overcome these challenges. See attached.

- ✓ Ken Wergin complimented the Maintenance Department for their efforts in making improvements to Loudy Simpson Park.

Museum of Northwest Colorado- Dan Davidson

Davidson reviewed a mineral lease between the Museum and GRMR. This is two leases for a total of 240 acres. The leases reflect \$60.00 per net mineral acre, for five years. The County will receive \$11,856.59.

Mindy Curtis present.

Moe made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-76 approval of the oil and gas leases with GRMR Oil and Gas Company LLC and the Museum of Northwest Colorado. Kinkaid seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Michelle Balleck and John Ponikvar present.

BOCC

Commissioner Moe gave an update on the NACO Team and the Local Marketing District efforts to help diversify the economy. He stressed the importance to move now and start planning in order to change our local economy.

Moe suggested funding up to \$150,000 for the feasibility study for the economic development proposals from Better City's. He also suggested adding a study for the Town of Dinosaur to the list of priorities.

Grobe expressed the importance of the Local Marketing Districts leadership and indicated this Board will need more time to meet and work. He also discussed future funding from the State and DOLA's intent for funding options. Grobe would rather wait to approve the funding until the LMD makes plans.

Kirstie McPherson reported the LMD has met and are working on their budget. She agreed that time is of the essence, but also stated we should wait on funding the feasibility study until the LMD has time to identify their priorities.

Moe explained his intent and purpose is to offer and pledge funding support for the feasibility study with the support of the LMD and their priorities.

Moe also stressed the importance for the Commissioners move forward and complete the Economic Development Administration grant.

Grobe disagreed with this statement and said the voters approved the LMD with confidence in their decisions, and the Commissioners should help support the LMD not take over.

There was discussion regarding the Colorado Rural Jump Start Program. The program is a tax relief program for new businesses and new hires who locate into certain designated areas called "jump start zones". The program offers relief from state income taxes for new business, relief from states sales tax and relief from county and municipal personal property taxes.

The program is a joint effort between colleges, counties, municipalities, business and employees. A Rural Jump Start zone must be located in a county with a population of less than 250,000 people and the area has been designated as economically distressed.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by:

Charles T. Cook
John A. Kinkaid
Fred A. Moore

Approved on:

Sept - 13, 2014

Attest by:

Lila Herod

